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SUBJ: CSCE -VISA REFUSALS

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1. IN ABSENCE OF SENIOR FONOFF OFFICIALS (REFTEL C), EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER CALLED ON AMERICAN DESK OFFICER DEZSO KISS LATE AFTERNOON OF NOVEMBER 16 TO MAKE DEMARCHE SET FORTH IN REFTEL A.

2. REFERRING TO PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN CHARGE AND AMBASSADOR BARTHA ON PROPOSED VISIT OF CODEL FENWICK (REFTEL B), EMBOFF SIAD USG REGRETTED GOH DECISION NOT TO PROVIDE VISAS FOR DELEGATION IN CONNECTION WITH ITS EUROPEAN STUDY VISIT. PURPOSE OF COMMISSION IS NOT TO INTERFERE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF ANY STATE BUT RATHER TO ACQUAINT ITSELF FIRSTHAND WITH HUNGARIAN VIEWS ON CSCE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF FINAL ACT. SUCH AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WOULD HAVE BEEN USEFUL TO BOTH SIDES. CREATION OF COMMISSION REFLECTS VERY SERIOUS U.S. INTEREST IN CSCE, WHETHER CONGRESSIONAL, EXECUTIVE BRANCH, OR PUBLIC AT LARGE. WHILE USG APPRECIATED HUNGARIAN WILLINGNESS TO GRANT CONGRESSWOMAN FENWICK VISA ON CONDITION HER VISIT NOT CONNECTED WITH CSCE COMMISSION AFFAIRS, STILL
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FACT REMAINS THAT VISA WAS REFUSED ON BASIS OF STATED

PURPOSE OF VISIT.

3. EMPHASIZING ROLE THAT CSCE COMMISSION AND CONGRESS WOULD BE PLAYING WITH RESPECT TO U.S. POLICY ON CSCE IN PARTICULAR AND MORE GENERALLY WITH REGARD TO EAST-WEST DETENTE, EMBOFF NOTED THAT U.S. AND HUNGARY BOTH WOULD BE WORKING ON PROPOSALS HOPEFULLY LEADING TO SPEEDIER AND MORE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF HELSINKI FINAL DOCUMENT. HE SAID IT THOUGHT IT WAS IN INTEREST OF BOTH PARTIES TO GET GOH VIEWS ON CSCE ACROSS TO CSCE COMMISSION.

4. EMBOFF THEN RAISED QUESTION OF FUTURE CONTACTS BETWEEN COMMISSION MEMBERS AND STAFF AND HUNGARIAN OFFICIALS BOTH IN BUDAPEST AND IN WASHINGTON. WOULD GOH, FOR INSTANCE WISH TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO HAVING AMBASSADOR ESZTERGALYOS CONTACT, UNOFFICIALLY, INFORMALLY OR HOWEVER, MEMBERS OF CSCE COMMISSION IN WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS HUNGARIAN VIEWS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF CSCE WITH THEM? NOTING THAT IN PAST HUNGARY HAS WELCOMED VISITS BY CONGRESSMEN WHO HAVE BEEN FREE TO DISCUSS ANY AND ALL SUBJECTS IN FOREIGN POLICY AREA, EMBOFF SAID HE ASSUMED THAT IF MEMBER OF CSCE COMMISSION WERE TO VISIT HUNGARY QUIETLY IN NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE AS A TOURIST, HE WOULD BE ABLE TO DISCUSS CSCE MATTERS ALONG WITH OTHER FOREIGN POLICY QUESTIONS. EMBOFF ADDED THAT HE HAD NO INDICATIONS THAT SUCH A VISIT WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION IN WASHINGTON. HE MERELY WISHED TO GET SOME IDEAS WHAT POSSIBILITIES MIGHT BE FOR FUTURE CONTACTS BETWEEN HUNGARIAN OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF CSCE COMMISSION. HIS PRESENCE IN WASHINGTON THIS AFTERNOON SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN AS AN EFFORT TO PUT FORWARD A FORMAL PROPOSAL AND TO RECEIVE A FORMAL REPLY. EMBASSY WAS INTERESTED SOLELY IN OBTAINING IDEA OF HOW GOH VIEWED FUTURE CONTACTS ON CSCE MATTERS AND WOULD WELCOME WASHINGTON CLARIFICATION.

5. KISS TOOK COPIOUS NOTES ON EMBOFF'S PRESENTATION. SAID HE WAS NOT EMPOWERED TO GIVE A RESPONSE AT THIS TIME. HE COULD ONLY RECOMMEND. HE WOULD OF COURSE
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REPORT THIS CONVERSATION TO HIS SUPERIORS IN FOREIGN OFFICE AND WOULD GIVE US REPLY AS SOON AS HE COULD.
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